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At 18 years old, Americans can vote, serve in the military, sign contracts, get married, and be held fully accountable under the law. Stripping them of their Second Amendment rights while expecting them to fulfill all other responsibilities of adulthood is unconstitutional and unjust. We would never support a bill to say a 18 year old is not responsible enough to vote. Lets be honest if you really really believe that they cannot be trusted with a firearm. How can you trust them with democracy.

This will do nothing to stop crime. Criminals do not follow gun laws—they obtain firearms illegally. The overwhelming majority of 18-to-20-year-old gun owners are responsible citizens who should not be punished for the actions of a criminal few. This law would only disarm law-abiding individuals while doing nothing to prevent crime. Everyday we hear about a under 18 year old committing a gun crime in Portland. They didn't get that gun legally. This does nothing but hurt law abiding voters in Oregon.

I am 100% in opposition to this bill